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FROM: AFPEO/C2&CS  
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SUBJECT: Clarification of Formal Coordination on Press Interviews for ACAT I Programs

My previous memorandum on the same topic dated 24 Sep 2001 clearly defines System Program Office responsibility (atch 1). This AFPEO/C2&CS guidance is in consonance with the subsequent SAF/AQ direction provided on 10 Oct 2001 (atch 2). The following remains PEO policy for coordinating press interviews for ACAT I programs within the portfolio.

All written inquiries to local program offices will be coordinated through the local public affairs (PA) unit. Information on items or topics that merit PEO awareness should be forwarded to the PEO staff director(s).

For phone and personal interview requests made to the program office, the program office with assistance from the local PA unit, should prepare a brief message to the appropriate staff director in the PEO; SAF/PA should be included in the coordination cycle. This message should include basic details of the interview request, recommended individual for the interview, and necessary date of approval. The PEO staff director will coordinate the request with the PEO and SAF/AQ, and provide an approval or nonapproval decision back to the program manager.

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Attachments

1. PEO Policy Memo, 24 Sep 01
2. SAF/AQ Direction, 10 Oct 01



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SUBJECT: Formal Coordination on Press Interviews for ACAT I Programs

We must continue to provide accurate and timely information when communicating with our ultimate customer, the American public. To ensure consistent, effective communication, I am providing the following direction for formal coordination dealing with press interviews on ACAT I programs in the AFPEO/C2&CS portfolio. Effective immediately all requests for formal interviews will be coordinated through the PEO and SAF/PA. Written requests for information will continue to be responded to at the local level. I expect that as this policy is implemented there may be issues that will surface requiring policy clarification and possible adjustment.

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**Subject:** FW: Media Communication Follow-up

**Importance:** High

Follow-up information on communicating with the media and at symposiums. Please ensure this information is provided to your SPO members.

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**From:** Druyun, Darleen, , SAF/AQ

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2001 8:18 AM

**To:** Riemer, Jeff, BGen, AFPEO/C2&CS and other PEOs and DACs

**Subject:** Media Communication Follow-up

**Importance:** High

Following-up on my recent guidance to you on media communication for all acquisition programs, I believe it is important to further elaborate--based on discussions I have had with many of our PEO's and DAC'S:

I expect you, as a Program Executive Officer or Designated Acquisition Commander, to exercise caution and sound judgment when communicating any information pertaining to acquisition programs within your portfolio. Clearly, we have shifted to a wartime footing and we must be extremely careful with any information potential adversaries could exploit. Our focus, more than ever, must be aimed on program execution to deliver to the warfighter the capabilities we have contracted for on or ahead of schedule.

We will continue to respond to inquiries from the media, coordinating our responses with local AF Public Affairs organizations, using the guidance in this memo. We will also continue to issue announcements on major contract awards, and when approved by SAF/AQ, conduct press conferences on major competitive awards, major milestones or other similar significant events. It is important to highlight recent guidance from Mr. Aldridge to industry leaders addressing this topic, "statistical, production, contracting and delivery information can convey a tremendous amount of information that hostile intelligence organizations might find relevant." Please be very sensitive to this type of information being divulged, including identification of those vendors who have been or need to be facilitated to increase their production capability.

I ask each of you to scrutinize the agendas and participants for any planned government - industry symposia or other forums involving your organizations. I am particularly concerned with any forums attended by foreign nationals. I leave it up to you to determine if these engagements can still be held while complying with our need to strictly control public disclosure of sensitive acquisition program information.

Ultimately, you must be responsible for implementing information security measures within your organization. When in doubt, please err on the side of caution. SAF/PA is ready to assist you and will forward all requests for media interviews to SAF/AQ for approval.

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